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TO-USE EARTHWORKING  
MACHINE

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*W. J. Novosad*AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed on December 24, 2002, please amend  
the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 19-21 without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application.

Please add the following claim 32:

*Sub B-4*

32. Earthworking machine comprising, in combination: a movably supported frame comprising first and second planar side plates, with each side plate having an upper edge and a back edge, a frame plate bent generally perpendicular to the upper edge of one of the side plates, with the frame plate having a free edge welded to the upper edge of the other of the side plates, and an end plate bent generally perpendicular to the back edge of one of the side plates, with the end plate having a free edge welded to the back edge of the other of the side plate, with the plates being interconnected together in a three dimensional configuration without fasteners and with the first and second side plates, the frame plate, and the end plate being formed from two planar elements; a U-shaped handlebar including first and second legs extending from opposite sides of a center; a mast extending from the center and including a first linear portion having a lower end and an upper end, with the center being spaced from the upper end and extending generally

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